



## **TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION**

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# News Release

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## **Texas media recognized by Texas Veterans Commission**

**GALVESTON, TEXAS** – During the Texas Veterans Commission 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Training Conference held Sept. 15 in Galveston, Texas, several Texas media personalities were honored during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Excellence in Media awards.

“The importance of Veterans issues is not just relevant to us, but also to the public as a whole,” said Thomas Palladino, executive director of the Texas Veterans Commission. “The media submissions this year highlight the great work that Texas media does on a daily basis in support of Veterans issues and we’re honored to recognize this year’s winners.”

Award recipients were recognized for their commitment to increasing public understanding in Texas on Veterans’ issues and for their impact on, or outreach to, the public and Veterans through thoroughness and accuracy in presentation of issues.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Excellence in Media Award Recipients**

#### **Photojournalism Award**

Billy Calzada, San Antonio Express-News, San Antonio  
Veterans Day 2014: Real Faces of Courage

#### **Print Award**

St. John Bernard-Smith, Houston Chronicle, Houston  
For some Veterans, real battle is showing vulnerability

#### **Radio Award**

Lauren Silverman, KERA Radio, Dallas  
Veterans court helps Texas Vets stay out of prison

#### **Student Award**

Kelsey Bradshaw, The University Star, Texas State University, San Marcos  
Veterans court to soon be implemented in Hays County

#### **TV Award**

Barry Davis, Michael Humphries, Michael Vela – KENS5, San Antonio  
Veterans versus the VA

## Texas Veterans Commission

The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission is to advocate for and provide superior service to Veterans and their families in the areas of disability claims assistance, employment services, education benefits and grant funding. The commission is made up of five commissioners appointed by the governor of Texas. More than 200 skilled counselors in 75 cities provide one-on-one guidance to Veterans and their families to ensure they receive all of the benefits to which they are entitled. For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission services visit <http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Home.aspx> or call 512-463-5538.

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